

## John Breathitt to Andrew Jackson, August 23, 1832, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### JOHN BREATHITT TO JACKSON.

Russellville, Ky. , August 23, 1832.

*D'r Sir*, I was much gratified to hear of your safe arrival at the Hermitage in good health, I hope it will long continue. As you may readily imagine, we have had a desperate struggle in Kentucky. my majority is from fourteen to sixteen hundred according to the best information I can receive, The Bank question was laid up for me as for defeat. I saw the use intended to be made of it, and hence early in the campaign suggested modifications, which my opponents but seldom met. The people when I read a list of foreign stockholders were astonished! few were aware of the fact that so much of the stock was held by Foreigners, and but few of those who spoke against me (for they met me almost at every point) would pretend to justify it before the public. my friends write me since the election that the Veto produced a panic in some counties, and had an adverse influence upon my election, which I have no doubt is the fact. Wherever I had an opportunity of addressing the people after the Veto, I do not believe it injured to any extent but I could not reach Fayette, Bourbon etc. where it had some effect as my correspondents think. The panic however has passed off, and I do not believe that it will injure you in Nov.

I have receivied [sic] more than fifty letters since the election, and our friends are very *sanguine* and in high spirits. they say we have sustained ourselves in the battle of the "23rd" and that we will do so again in that of the "8th January", and of which I have no doubt. no man has ever yet been able in any state election to obtain as high a vote as when you are, Yourself in the field, and *I am quite confident* that the vote in Nov. will

## Library of Congress

shew that this state will not be an exception to that rule. Our friends are getting up a large Convention at Harrodsburgh (on the 10th Sepr.) preparatory to the Electoral election. it will be very usefull by imparting energy to the party. I have said to you that I do not fear the result, whatever can be done in honourable canvass, will be. Your friends in Kentucky are very anxious to see you and I hope you will gratify them to some extent by passing through the state to Washington. it is a better road than the one you came. I hope you will take this place in your route, and altho I shall not be at home I shall expect you to come to my house, my family will be there, and glad to see you, as will be your friends in the place. I will meet you at Harrodsburg and go on to Lexington, I hope you will not disappoint our wishes and expectations in this matter. my Brother George left Us today for Hopkinsville, and will return to Nashville on tuesday or Wednesday as the stage may suit. I find that he is very much of a politician,

very respectfully Your friend